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Early Move Presaged on Jobless Aid

Kennedy, Advisers Confer 3 Hours on State of Economy

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President Kennedy conferred for three hours yesterday with his chief advisers on the state of the economy—presaging action next week on a series of measures, including a proposal to extend jobless pay for workers who have used up their benefits.

The President is expected to discuss the economy and what can be done to bolster it in his State-of-the-Union address, which he will per-

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sonally deliver to Congress Monday.

However, the major part of the address is expected to be on foreign affairs and not involve recommendations for legislative action.

The State-of-the-Union address will be followed by other and more specific messages on the domestic economy, on his domestic legislative recommendations and on measures the Administration proposes to take to reverse the excess flow of dollars overseas.

The President has held a series of conferences before and since his inauguration on the balance-of-payments problem.

Four at Conference

His meeting yesterday was with Secretary of the Treasury C. Douglas Dillon, Secretary of Health Education and Welfare Abraham A. Ribicoff, Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg, and Chairman Wilbur D. Mills (D-Ark.) of the House Ways and Means Committee.

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said there was "a general discussion of economic conditions and possible solutions to the problem."

Salinger said it was safe to assume that the question of supplemental unemployment benefits was discussed. The President is on record, as is his Republican predecessor in the White House, in favor of strengthening unemployment compensation.

The presence of Ribicoff led to speculation that the problem of providing aid to workers not covered by unemployment compensation was considered. They constitute about a third of the work force.

One Appointment Today

Mr. Kennedy's only announced appointment today is a 10 a. m. meeting with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and McGeorge Bundy, special assistant to the President for national security affairs. It is expected that they also will discuss the State-of-the-Union message.

After the meeting on the economy, the President announced that effective Feb. 10 the Department of Health, Education and Welfare will have responsibility for the Cuban refugee program.

The President accepted the resignation of Tracy S. Voorhees, former President Eisenhower's special representative in charge of the program.

Secretary Ribicoff was directed to go to Miami to make a on the second investigation of the refugee program and assist Mr. Kennedy's concern and sympathy for those who have been forced from their homes in Cuba. The HEW Secretary will fly to Miami Monday and spend several days there, Salinger

Tradition Reemphasized

"Both here at home and abroad, I want to reemphasize most strongly the tradition of the United States as a humanitarian sanctuary," the President said in a letter to Ribicoff.

He directed the Secretary to assure the refugees "that we shall seek to expedite their voluntary return (home) as soon as conditions permit."

Mr. Kennedy wrote a warm note of appreciation to Voorhees expressing his own and the Government's appreciation "for the energetic service you have given to help meet" the refugee needs.

"Urgent individual needs have been met and the cause of humanity sustained and strengthened by your prompt mobilizing of public and private resources to assist those driven from their homes in Cuba," the President told Voorhees.

The program can best be carried forward now, the President said, "by bringing to bear the vast welfare, health and other skills" of HEW.

There are an estimated 40,000 Cuban refugees in southern Florida at the present time.

Salinger reported that Mr. Kennedy left the White House for two hours Thursday afternoon for a tour of the Central Intelligence Agency. He visited the old headquarters in the city and then drove to the new building nearing completion at nearby Langley, Va.

Salinger quoted CIA Director Allen Dulles, who conducted the President on the tour, as saying it was the first time a President had visited the top-secret intelligence agency's headquarters.